



Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Exemption)

Date: OCTOBER 5, 2017

C-NLOPB Reference: 2017-RQ-0136

Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada Ltd., as managing partner of ExxonMobil Canada Properties

Applicant Reference: RQF-HEB-090

Installation Name: Hebron Platform

Authority: *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act, subsection 151(1) and section 205.069*
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, subsection 146(1) and section 201.66

Regulation: *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations Subsection 8(2)*

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer concurs with the Applicant's proposal to conduct hot work operations (grinding) at the locations described in the RQ onboard the *Hebron Platform* during drilling operations subject to the following conditions:

1. The hot work is not conducted until the BOP has been installed on the well. Once the BOP is installed hot work is only permitted:
 - While drilling up to 200m True Vertical Depth (TVD) before the shallowest hydrocarbon bearing zone; and
 - If the gas measured in the fluid returning from the well in the gas trap is less than 10% (background gas) and no gas levels are detected in any part of the installation; or
 - Provided the well is isolated from the formation by two verified barriers when operating in a hydrocarbon bearing zone.
2. The fire suppression systems and fire and gas detection systems are fully functional and all measures outlined in the application are adhered to.



Chief Safety Officer (ACTING)